

Survey Shows Varied Beliefs Of Members Of Churches

For some time it has been accepted by many religious sociologists that when it comes to religion American Christians believe pretty much the same things. Phrases like "common core Protestantism" and "common American religion" are frequently used to suggest that the chief characteristic of Christianity in America is its basic unity.

Two research analysts at the University of California in Berkeley decided recently to test this assumption. They surveyed a random sample of church members in four metropolitan counties in northern California, organizing their questionnaire around a number of themes traditionally basic to Christian belief. Key questions were then repeated in a

national sample, with results tending to verify the results of the original survey.

Charles Y. Glock and Rodney Stark report and analyze the results of their survey in *Trans-action* magazine, a publication of the Community Leadership Project at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. The authors write, "Our extensive survey

shows that there are still a great many differences of belief among Protestant denominations in America." They see five general theological camps.

In their conclusions they dismiss hopes for an imminent general merger of U. S. Christian bodies as illusory: "Protestantism . . . includes many separate groups and the only

possible grounds for treating them collectively would be if they shared a common religious vision. This is clearly not the case."

The following tabulations are some of those compiled by researchers Glock and Stark. The brief introductory remarks are excerpted from this article.

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Student Night At Christmas

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State Couple Named Mission Associates

After an interval of 13 years, Rev. James A. Clarke, native of Newton County, Mississippi, is preparing to resume mission work in Nigeria, West Africa.

On December 9 he and Mrs. Clarke were employed by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board for a three-year term of service as missionary associates in Nigeria. He served under the Board in Ogbomoso, Nigeria, from 1949 to 1952.

The Clarks now live in Birmingham, Ala., where he has been registrar and director of admissions at Samford University (formerly Howard College) for nearly 10 years. Mrs. Clarke, the former Pauline (Polly) Jackson, of Alabama, was a Southern Baptist missionary nurse in Rhodesia for five years prior to their marriage in 1961.

During his former period of service in Nigeria, Mr. Clarke was business manager of the Baptist hospital in Ogbomoso. "Those years in Africa helped me grow spiritually," he told the Foreign Mission Board. "The Nigerians taught me the real meaning of faith and prayer."

At that time he was married to the former Joyce Van Osdol, of Pascagoula, Miss., whose health forced their return to the States. She died in 1957. The chapel at the Ogbomoso hospital, where she was nurse, is named for her.

"After returning from Nigeria, I tried to get Africa out of my mind," Mr. Clarke said. "I prayed that if it were not God's will for me to go back there he would take away my deep yearning for Africa. I even tried to stop speaking on missions and showing the slides I had taken in Nigeria, but I could not stop, for my heart would not change. It almost made me ill to hear others plead for missionaries."

NEVER GAVE UP
"Every time I gave an invitation at the close of a church service, in my heart I again offered myself for missions. I never gave up hope of returning. My call is even clearer today than it was in 1949. So once again I say, 'Here am I; send me.'"

Mr. Clarke is the great-grandson of the late Rev. N. L. Clarke, for whom Clarke

Memorial College, Newton, is named. He attended East Central Junior College, Decatur, Miss., and graduated from Mississippi College, Clinton, with the bachelor of arts degree and from New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary with the master of religious education degree.

Before going to his present position in Birmingham, he was pastor of Memphis Baptist Church, Dothan, Ala., and visual aids consultant for Baptist Book Stores in Birmingham and New Orleans. He served with the U. S. Marine Corps for four years during and following World War II.

He has an 11-year-old daughter, Kathy. He said that although she was born in the States she is eager to "go back" to Africa.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarke and 24 career missionaries appointed during the Foreign Mission Board's December meeting bring the Southern Baptist overseas mission staff to 2,072 (including 1,969 missionaries and 103 persons in various programs of short-term service).

Hearings Set On 'Review' Bill

WASHINGTON (BP)—Hearings are scheduled for early next year on a bill to provide first amendment constitutional tests for grants or loans under certain education acts, according to announcement from the Senate subcommittee on constitutional rights.

The "judicial review" bill was introduced by Sen. Wayne Morse (D., Ore.) during the first session of the 89th Congress. Among its cosponsors is Sen. Sam J. Ervin (D., N. C.), chairman of the constitutional rights subcommittee. Morse is chairman of the Senate education subcommittee.

During the debate on the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 unsuccessful attempts were made to include constitutional judicial review as a part of the bill. Morse opposed such amendments but promised that he would introduce a separate judicial review bill affecting all education acts.

Hearings on the bill are set for Feb. 1-3 and 8-10, 1966.

Testimony is expected to be presented by representatives from the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare and the Department of Justice. Others to be invited are "constitutional authorities from universities, practicing attorneys, members of numerous religious organizations, as well as various bar groups and other organizations and individuals," according to the report of the subcommittee.

The proposal would provide for constitutional judicial review of seven major acts of

Congress plus "any other act which is administered by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare and was enacted after January 1, 1965."

Civil action could be brought by an institution or agency, or by an individual taxpayer in the district court of the United States in the District of Columbia.

Filing of such suits would stop payment on a grant or loan until final determination is made by the court. If the

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SBC Gifts Go Over Budget

NASHVILLE (BP) — During the first eleven months of the year, the Southern Baptist Convention went over its \$19.8 million budget by \$267,857, sending that amount to support home and foreign missions.

November financial report from the SBC Executive Committee here revealed that the convention appears headed for a record year of giving during 1965, the 40th anniversary of the Cooperative Program plan of world missions support.

During mid-November, the budget was reached, and all amounts over the budget went two-thirds to foreign missions

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ASSIGNMENT OF CENTURY—

"International Cooperation"

By William M. Dyal Jr.
SBC Christian Life Commission

Surrounded by talent, overwhelmed by the issues! Such was our reaction November 28-December 1 while attending the White House Conference on International Cooperation.

A University professor remarked to us: "You Southern Baptists are so large now, you ought to have considerable influence in world affairs."

Because of the Christian Life Commission's role in emphasizing citizenship, Foy Valentine, the director, and I attended. We both agreed that an even wider representation by Southern Baptists could have enriched the conference as well as helped to bring our denomination to a larger responsibility on the international scene.

Against the backdrop of war in Vietnam, a fragile truce between India and Pakistan, and mounting tension in Rhodesia, conference participants from some 500 United States organizations discussed subjects ranging from the earth to the moon.

Thirty working committees had spent a year in compiling reports and forming panels to treat such diverse issues as the population explosion, social welfare, urban development, arms control and disarmament, cultural and intellectual exchange, peacekeeping operations, labor, business, industry and trade, space and human rights.

President Johnson referred to the conference's task as "the assignment of the century." He urged the participants to provide a mine of ideas seeking world-wide

peace, justice and human fulfillment.

Running through vigorous floor discussion was the theme of the unity of humanity. "Nothing common to humanity is alien to us," Vice President Humphrey said.

Squalor, hunger, illiteracy, and political tyranny were signalled as awesome threats to peace. The gap between haves and have-nots was seen to be widening. Vast scientific and economic change as seen in the United States were judged largely irrelevant to most of the world. We con-

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AFTER VATICAN II: SPANISH BAPTISTS SEE A RAY OF HOPE

By Gainer E. Bryan Jr.

(Mr. Bryan is editor of "The Maryland Baptist," weekly newspaper of the Baptist Convention of Maryland. He visited Spain enroute from Rome, where he reported Vatican Council II for Protestant and Other Americans United for the Separation of Church and State and "The Maryland Baptist.")

MADRID (POAU) — In a land "more Catholic than the Pope," Spanish Baptists hope for greater toleration, but not full religious freedom, as a result of the Vatican declaration on religious liberty.

This is a conclusion from in-

terviews with six Baptist leaders in Spain and one United States-based mission board executive with responsibilities in that country. Baptists are the largest evangelical group there.

All agreed that the religious liberty document is basically satisfactory but that the Spanish Catholic hierarchy will find ways to restrict it. Some of the changes that the Baptist leaders seek and hope for include the right of Protestant churches to hold property and of the ministers to perform marriages and funerals without sectarian restrictions. A clearer recognition of the right of non-Catholic pupils

to be freed from Catholic instruction in the public schools, permission for Protestants to teach in the public schools, the right to operate private religious schools, use of press and radio by Protestants, and improvement in the right to serve in government and military positions.

"The schema is very satisfactory to me," said the Rev. Juan Luis Rodrigo of Madrid, "but the Spanish episcopate will put limitations on it." Senior Rodrigo is pastor of First Baptist Church, largest in the denomination, with 430 members. He is president of the 4,465-member Spanish Baptist Union.

"They will justify these limitations by saying that in Spain, a Catholic country, you have to have them," he said. He said he felt the hierarchy would make much of the final revision of the document, decreed by the Council fathers, "in the light of the Catholic Doctrine of the true religion." That revision, subsequently adopted, reads, in part, that all men "are bound by sacred duty to profess and embrace the Catholic faith insofar as they are able to know it."

Shifts To Positive
Shifting to the positive, he said, "However, I feel that everything said or spoken about religious liberty will help. Some priests out in the villages who hear about Vatican Council say, 'O yes, religious liberty is coming now.'"

Wanting to believe the best but skeptical because of his experiences, the Rev. Juan Perez Guzman of Barcelona expressed a mixed reaction.

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STATE TO GET U2 THAT DOES NOT FLY

NASHVILLE—Customers of the Jackson Baptist Film Center to be located Jan. 3 at 125 N. President St. there, in the Baptist Book Store Building, will benefit from a U2 "super" machine (not to be confused with the U2 airplane used by the United States armed forces).

The device is a \$4000 U2a model Harward film inspection machine with cleaning attachment. According to Odell Crowe of the Baptist Sunday School Board's book store division, the mechanism does a job no human can do in speed and accuracy.

"Possession of this film inspection machine will mean

the film centers will turn out films with all defects repaired and films that will be as trouble free as possible," says Crowe.

In the machine the film is run through an automatic film cleaning process. Next an electronic sensing device checks the film for nicks, breaks, and thick splices which could jam a projector. When any damaged spot is found, the machine automatically stops. Damage is then repaired.

Available in the Jackson film center will be approximately 650 16mm motion picture films produced by Broad-

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OFFICERS FOR 1965-66 were elected by the trustees of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation in their meeting last week. From left: E. E. Laird, Jackson, president; Delmar E. Simmons, Jackson, member of executive committee; Dr. H. L. Spencer, Jackson, executive secretary-treasurer; J. N. Barron, Crystal Springs, vice-president, and Grandy Doss, Eupora, executive committee.



TWO CLASSES in religious education from Baptist colleges in the state visited points of interest in the Jackson area in the in-service training program sponsored by the Cooperative Missions Department. In top photo is seen group from Blue Mountain College under direction of Dr. James A. Travis, professor of Bible. In lower picture is group from Clarke College directed by Dr. Charles Melton, professor of religious education. Seen in each photo, taken in front of Baptist Building, is Therman Bryant, associate in Cooperative Missions Department who directs in-service training.



Traylor Accepts Tupelo, Calvary

Dr. John H. Traylor, Jr., has accepted a call from Calvary Baptist Church in Tupelo to become its pastor effective January 9.

Dr. Traylor will come to Tupelo from Plainview, Texas where he served as pastor of College Heights Baptist Church for seven years.

Born in Columbia, Louisiana in 1928, Dr. Traylor was graduated from Columbia High School in 1944, and received his degree in Mechanical Engineering from Louisiana Polytechnic Institute in 1951. In both institutions, Dr. Traylor was active in athletics as well as scholastic programs. He played football, basketball and softball.

Shortly after completing his college education Dr. Traylor was called of God to preach the Gospel. He then furthered his education by attending New Orleans Seminary, receiving his B. D. Degree in 1954, and his Th. D. Degree in 1963, the latter in Old Testament and Hebrew.

Dr. Traylor has been a frequent contributor of articles to the Baptist Standard and other denominational publications.

Have Two Children

Dr. Traylor is married to the former Betty Virginia Colvin who holds a M.E. Degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. The Traylor family has two children, Kathy, age eight, and Angela, age two.

The Traylor family will move to Tupelo, January 5, and Dr. Traylor will occupy the pulpit of Calvary Baptist Church as its pastor on Sunday, January 9.

Dr. Traylor succeeds Rev. W. L. Day, who resigned the Calvary pastorate to accept a church at Philadelphia, Miss.

Government printers in Moscow are printing 5,000 copies of a Hebrew calendar that will soon be distributed for use during Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year. Preparations are also being made for printing 10,000 copies of a Jewish prayer book—the first to appear in Moscow since 1956—that may be available in time for the religious holiday.

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man Films, the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission and general producers. Rental motion picture projection equipment will also be available in the film centers.

"Filmlog" Available Soon

A new film catalog "Filmlog," listing the 16mm motion pictures carried by the film centers will be available Jan. 15. As a special service to customers, all Baptist Book Stores will make available copies of the catalog.

Customers may order motion picture films from their nearest Baptist Film Center. All centers will carry the same film titles. Churches or individuals renting films will be billed from Nashville.

Locations of other Baptist Film Centers beginning operation Jan. 3 where a similar film machine will be placed are: Charlotte, N.C.; Atlanta, Birmingham, Kansas City, Mo.; Richmond, Louisville, Dallas, Oklahoma City and Fresno. The BSSB's book store division will direct the work of the film centers.

"International . . .

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ferences felt that space should be explored, but not at the expense of the neglect of human misery and injustice.

Hundreds of recommendations poured from the committees and the open discussions. Some were abstract. Others were specific in calling for action both by government and by the private sector of America.

Concern over Vietnam made the conference even more urgent. Citizen participants were free to address frank questions on war and peace to Secretary of the State Dean Rusk, Presidential Assistant McGeorge Bundy, and United Nations Ambassador Arthur Goldberg.

Said Rusk: "Day by day, bit by bit, and brick by brick must emerge a stable structure of world cooperation at every level of life."

Said Goldberg: "Neither superglobalism nor internationalism is an answer, but there are no islands and no uncrossable oceans between nations. Isolation is impossible."

The complexity of international issues faced by the conference was matched only by the diversity of the participants. From virtually every state in the Union came representatives of public education and the universities, labor, business, myriad international organizations, voluntary groups, the press, and religious bodies and institutions. Their talent and experience was awesome.

Southern Baptists too have remarkable talent and experience. Names and faces of our laymen and ministers crowded my mind with what we have to say and to give to a world in conflict.

The imperatives for Southern Baptists are responsibility and involvement. The task may indeed be the "assignment of the century."

Survey Of Various Beliefs

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American adults report an almost unanimous belief in God. But what do they believe about God? And to what degree do they believe?

Table 1 demonstrates definitely that Americans are anything but unanimous in their beliefs about God; and that the distinctions are not only sharp between individuals, but between denominations as well.

Table 2 shows important contrasts in belief in the divinity of Jesus. Denominational differences are nearly identical to those in the belief in God.

Examining some of the other orthodox beliefs about Christ (Table 3) brought differences into even sharper focus. Only 57 per cent of all Protestants believed it "completely true" that "Jesus was born of a virgin," compared with 81 per cent of Catholics. But the differences between the purportedly "common core Protestants" was much more startling: Only 21 per cent of Congregationalists believed it, rising to a peak of 99 per cent of Southern Baptists.

We have seen that members of American denominations do not all believe Jesus divine. Therefore, it is not surprising to find them also disagreeing (Table 5) over whether belief in Christ is absolutely necessary for salvation.

Almost no Protestants (only 2 per cent) thought the practice of artificial birth control would prevent salvation (Table 6), but perhaps even more interesting and surprising, less than a quarter of the Catholics held this view. Whether or not Catholics approve of birth control, more than three quarters of them are unwilling to agree it carries the supreme penalty of damnation.

1 Belief in God	Congregationalists	Methodists	Episcopalians	Disciples of Christ	Presbyterians	American Lutherans	American Baptists	Missouri Lutherans	Southern Baptists	Sects	Total Protestants	Catholics
"Which of the following statements comes closest to what you believe?"												
"I know God really exists and I have no doubts about it."	41%	60%	63%	76%	75%	73%	78%	81%	99%	96%	71%	81%
"While I have doubts, I feel that I do believe in God."	34	22	19	20	16	19	18	17	1	2	17	13
"I find myself believing in God some of the time, but not at other times."	4	4	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	1
"I don't believe in a personal God, but I do believe in a higher power of some kind."	16	11	12	0	7	6	2	1	0	1	7	3
"I don't know whether there is a God and I don't believe there is any way to find out."	2	2	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
"I don't believe in God."	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
No answer	2	0	1	4	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	1
2 Belief in the Divinity of Jesus												
"Jesus is the Divine Son of God and I have no doubts about it."	40%	54%	59%	74%	72%	74%	76%	93%	99%	97%	69%	86%
"While I have some doubts, I feel basically that Jesus is Divine."	28	22	25	14	19	18	16	5	0	2	17	8
"I feel that Jesus was a great man and very holy, but I don't feel Him to be the Son of God any more than all of us are children of God."	19	14	8	6	5	5	4	0	0	0	7	3
"I think Jesus was only a man, although an extraordinary one."	9	6	5	2	2	3	2	1	1	0	4	1
"Frankly, I'm not entirely sure there was such a person as Jesus."	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Other and no answer	3	3	2	4	1	0	2	1	0	1	2	2
3 Additional Beliefs About Jesus												
"Jesus was born of a virgin." Completely true	21%	34%	39%	62%	57%	66%	69%	92%	99%	96%	57%	81%
"Jesus walked on water." Completely true	19	26	30	62	51	58	62	83	99	94	50	71
"Do you believe Jesus will actually return to the earth some day?"												
Definitely	13	21	24	36	43	54	57	75	94	89	44	47
Probably	8	12	13	10	11	12	11	8	4	2	10	10
Possibly	28	25	26	23	18	17	6	0	1	1	20	16
Probably not	23	22	17	12	12	6	6	4	1	2	13	11
Definitely not	25	17	11	6	8	7	5	1	1	3	10	12
No answer	3	3	6	10	3	3	4	6	0	3	4	4

*Denotes less than 1% of 1 per cent. American Lutherans include the Lutheran Church in America and the American Lutheran Church. Sects include the Assemblies of God, Church of God, Church of Christ, Church of the Nazarene, Fourquare Gospel Church, and one independent Tabernacle.

4 Requirements for Salvation: Faith	Congregationalists	Methodists	Episcopalians	Disciples of Christ	Presbyterians	American Lutherans	American Baptists	Missouri Lutherans	Southern Baptists	Sects	Total Protestants	Catholics
"Belief in Jesus Christ as Saviour."												
Absolutely necessary	38%	45%	47%	78%	66%	77%	78%	97%	97%	96%	65%	51%
Holding the Bible to be God's truth.												
Absolutely necessary	23	39	32	58	52	64	58	80	61	89	52	38
5 Barriers to Salvation: Improper Acts												
"Drinking liquor."												
Definitely prevent salvation	2%	4%	2%	0%	2%	2%	9%	1%	15%	35%	8%	2%
"Practicing artificial birth control."												
Definitely prevent salvation	0	0	2	2	1	3	1	2	5	4	2	23
"Discriminating against other races."												
Definitely prevent salvation	27	25	27	34	22	20	17	22	16	29	25	24
"Being anti-Semitic."												
Definitely prevent salvation	23	23	26	30	20	15	13	22	10	26	21	20

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Hearings Set . . .

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grant or loan were declared invalid the institution or agency would have to refund the grant, or the loan with accrued interest.

The bill would provide also that any provision of any act found to be unconstitutional would not affect the remainder of the act.

The bill includes: Higher Education Facilities Act of 1963; Title VII of the Public Health Service Act; National Defense Education Act of 1958; Mental Retardation Facilities and Community Mental Health Centers Construction Act of 1963; Title II of Public Law 874, Impacted Area Aid; Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965; Cooperative Research Act; and others enacted after January 1, 1965.

First Baptist Elected To Idaho Public Office

BOISE, Idaho (BP) — For the first time in Idaho history, a Southern Baptist has been elected to a major public office in the state.

Jay Amyx, a layman from Mt. View Baptist Church here, is the new mayor of the city of Boise. He is the first Southern Baptist ever to hold public office in Idaho, according to Baptist officials of the Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention.

New York — Bible House, being erected near Lincoln Center, will be the fourth home of the American Bible Society since the Society was organized in New York City 150 years ago.

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and one-third to home missions through the budget's advance section.

A total of \$20,103,457 was given through the Cooperative Program for the first 11 months of the year.

An additional \$16,933,554 was given to designated missions causes, bringing total (undesignated and designated) contributions to \$37,037,011.

Undesignated gifts for the first 11 months of the year exceeded gifts for the same period last year by \$1 1/4 million; and designated contributions for that period exceeded designations during 1964 by \$1.2 million.

"The stepping stones to success often start out as stumbling blocks."



HOSPITAL GETS \$2 MILLION CHECK — A check for \$2 million, the initial amount in a loan agreement that provides up to \$7.8 million for hospital expansion, is received for Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans by T. Sloan Guy (seated right), executive director of the board of Southern Baptist Hospitals. Presenting the check is Edgar Bright Jr., (seated left), vice-president of a New Orleans mortgage firm. Looking on are M. Thurman Woodward Jr., (left) legal counsel for Southern Baptist Hospital and Charles E. Blackmon, director of the Bethesda Foundation, a subsidiary of the Southern Baptist Hospital. BP photo.

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He is a pastor of Third Baptist Church in Spain's second city.

A law graduate from the University of Valencia before entering the ministry, Senor Perez was reduced from lieutenant to sergeant in the Army reserve after his superiors learned that he was a Baptist. "The mentality in Spain is that you can't be a Protestant and an officer in the Army," he said. Later, refusing to obey the order to take troops to mass while on active duty, he was charged with disobedience and threatened with a six-year prison sentence. The process was eventually closed, but it can be re-opened at any time.

Screwing up his face in obvious mental struggle, Senor Perez said, "I see the positive. When we speak of liberty in Spain our minds are different from yours in the United States."

"Consider our position, at one extreme of the religious liberty spectrum, as persecution. Consider your position of liberty in the United States. There are many barriers to be crossed from the extreme position of persecution to the position of liberty. If we advance up to here, maybe it is not full religious liberty, but it is a gain."

The Rev. D. Pedro Bonet, pastor of First Baptist Church, Barcelona, said, "The Catholic hierarchy will continue to oppose religious liberty for non-Catholics, but the government is more liberal than the hierarchy. Still the government has a concordat with the Vatican and cannot go against it."

"The schema is good in general," said the Rev. Juan Lacue, pastor of First Baptist Church, Sabadell, near Barcelona, "but I see a couple of open doors where they have applications to each country. Here it will be argued that in a country with such a large majority of Roman Catholics this religious liberty has to be understood in a special way."

On the positive side, he observed, "I think there are a number of people with liberal thinking that are preaching the cause of religious liberty in Spain."

"Continued Tolerance"

The president of the Spanish Baptist Board of Publications, the Rev. Samuel Rodrigo Mora of Cornella, feels that the amendments presented by the Spanis and Italian bishops will mean in Spain "a continued tolerance as we have and not at all religious liberty."

The Rev. Russell Hilliard, veteran Southern Baptist missionary to Spain from Sparks, Ga., is optimistic about the effects of the Vatican declaration. "This is going to give the civil government the strength to do some things they've wanted to do," he said.

Senor Rodrigo of Madrid conceded that "things are better now" in Spain and that "the atmosphere is much improved." He continued, "We can do things now that we were unable to do before. We believe a number of factors account for this." He listed

Hospital Gets Loan Check

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—A check for \$2 million, the initial portion of a huge loan to finance expanded facilities, has been deposited by Southern Baptist hospital here.

The financing agreement between the hospital and a life insurance company's mortgage loan correspondent provides that the hospital may borrow up to \$7.8 million on a long-term note.

It is one of the largest such loan agreements ever made by a single institution directly related to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The arrangement has unusual flexibility, providing that less than the full sum may be borrowed, said T. Sloan Guy, executive director of the board of Southern Baptist hospitals. Guy said that the hospital may pre-pay without penalty of any kind.

"Southern Baptist Hospital can realize full benefits from donations, fund raising activities, wills and bequests," said Guy.

The hospital reached the agreement with Connecticut General Life Insurance Co., through its New Orleans mortgage loan correspondent, Standard Mortgage Corp.

Pope John XXIII, the Vatican Council, the European Common Market, and tourism — "This (tourism) has forced Spain to open doors more."

Mr. Hilliard also cited economic and political factors pointing toward a "democratization" of Spain that he believes will improve conditions of religious liberty.

Dr. J. D. Hughey Jr., of Richmond, Va., secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board for Europe, gave the most glowing appraisal of all. A former missionary to Spain and the author of a book on religious freedom in that country, he said there are changes already that justify optimism. "No Protestant churches are 'now closed,'" he reported. "I do not expect full religious freedom in Spain, but I expect a continuation of the recently inaugurated policy of broad religious toleration."

Dr. Hughey believes that the improved picture in the most Catholic country of Spain is bona fide evidence of a genuine change in Roman Catholic Church policy on religious liberty.

We must be more than critics of the world situation. Denunciation of evil has been neglected these days, but it is not enough to expose the unfruitful works of darkness; we must turn the light of a positive testimony upon them.—Vance Havner in WHY NOT JUST BE CHRISTIANS? (Fleming H. Revell Company)



EVANGELIST'S WIFE ADDRESSES LONDON WOMEN—LONDON—Mrs. Billy Graham, wife of the noted American evangelist, addresses a meeting of church women in London's Baptist City Temple during a two-day visit to England. She was en route to Switzerland to visit her married daughter and two grandchildren. Meanwhile, Mr. Graham, a Southern Baptist minister, was in Houston, Texas, where he conducted a ten-day crusade.—RHS Photo.

ITALIAN WMU HAS NEW SECRETARY

"Christians do not think that God loves us because we are good but that God will make us good because he loves us." So writes Miss Emilia Giani, new executive secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union of Italy, in her first message in La Lampa-da, missionary magazine of Italian Baptist women.

Miss Giani, a 1955 graduate

of Armstrong Memorial Training School (Baptist school for women), Rome, formerly worked in the Baptist children's home in Rome. She also served as counselor at the Italian WMU youth camp several times. She was elected WMU secretary this fall when the former secretary resigned to do mission work among Italian-speaking people in Canada.

"It was so natural for Italian Baptist women to turn to Emilia Giani that it scarcely caused a ripple of attention when she began her new job," says Miss Virginia Wingo, Southern Baptist missionary who directs Armstrong Training School. "Her service is marked by simplicity, friendliness, hard work, and a deep desire to obey Jesus Christ."

But when Miss Giani entered the Training School 12 years ago, she was a different person — a troubled young woman to whom life seemed meaningless, a dropout from a teacher-training course (which she had not finished but refused to resume) — an unusual student for a school whose purpose is training for church-related work.

"I don't even believe in God," she said when she applied for admission. "But I want to believe. And if you will accept me, I think I can come to have faith!"

And so she did. Within the year she trusted Christ and was baptized. She soon began to develop talent as an author, writing two plays that were produced by the school drama class and by a number of Italian Baptist churches.

After graduating from the Training School Miss Giani did office work for a while, then accepted (at less salary) a position at the Baptist children's home. Twice she left that job to study. The first time, wanting to learn English, she worked as a domestic servant for a family in England. The second time she felt impelled to complete the teacher-training course she had dropped years before.

Assisted by a Baptist scholarship, she reviewed the five-year teachers' course in one year. She passed the final examinations just before she began her new work with WMU.

Western College Rejects U.S. Aid

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (BP)—The board of trustees of California Baptist College here adopted a statement rejecting federal aid and stating agreement with the Southern Baptist General Convention of California which earlier had passed a similar resolution.

Trustees of the Baptist school stated: "We pledge our support of the principle of separation of church and state by declaring again our opposition to our use of such funds."

The trustees also expressed "appreciation of, and wholehearted agreement with, the convention action concerning the rejection of federal funds for aid to education."

During the annual Baptist state convention in San Jose just a few weeks earlier, California Baptists had adopted a strongly worded resolution condemning the use of government funds for church-related institutions and programs.

Dehoney 'Installs' Former Prexy

LOS ANGELES (BP)—The President of the Southern Baptist Convention, Wayne Dehoney of Jackson, Tenn., spoke at formal installation services here for the immediate past president of the SBC — K. Owen White.

White was inaugurated as missions coordinator for Baptist work in the metropolitan Los Angeles area, a post he assumed July 1.

He was president of the Southern Baptist Convention from 1963-64 while serving as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Houston.

Now White is coordinating missions activity for a metropolitan area where the urban and suburban population is greater than the population of the entire state of Texas.

Bible Courses By Home Study

The Radio-Television Commission and the Seminary Extension Department of the Southern Baptist Convention are cooperating on a plan whereby Bible correspondence courses are available for Seminary credit. A Seminary Extension Department certificate is awarded upon completion of a series.

Any person, regardless of educational background, is eligible to enroll in the home study courses.

Courses begin the day the application is received; textbooks will be mailed immediately.

Full information is available through the Educational Services Office of the Radio-Television Commission. Address inquiries to Theodore F. Lott, Box 12157, Fort Worth, Texas 76116.

Trustees Delay Chapel Construction

BELTON, Tex. (BP) — The Mary Hardin-Baylor College board of trustees decided to delay construction of a proposed new chapel until they have 80 per cent of the cost in cash or pledges rather than reduce or alter the size of the chapel.

Earlier the board had rejected all bids submitted on the construction. The bids exceeded original estimated costs.

The committee planning the chapel had asked trustees to decide whether to alter the building, raise the funds necessary to make up the deficit, or start over with a new plan.



TRUSTEES OF Blue Mountain College attended the mid-session meeting, held on Dec. 9, at the college. Front row, left to right: College president, E. Harold Fisher; Mrs. Joyce Hall Beasley, Tupelo; Henry Witfield, Tupelo, president of the trustees; O. T. Ray, Pontotoc. Second row: Rev. Bob Leavell, Grenada; Joe Jack Hurst, Jackson; Dr. Walter C. Sandusky, Holly Springs; Rev. Kermit Brann, Baldwin. Back row: Rev. James Hurt, Cleveland; Bill Taylor, Jr., Louisville; Charles Holladay, Tupelo; D. H. Guyton, Blue Mountain, business manager of Blue Mountain College, additions, improvements, and the March 8 Inaugural plans were some of the primary matters of discussion and planning during the meeting.

Interest High In Public School Study 'About' Religion, Bible

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (RNS)—Because of a popular belief that the U. S. Supreme Court has "banned the Bible" from public schools, a new organization headquartered here has dedicated itself to promoting the proper and legal study of the Bible and religion in public schools.

James V. Panoch, executive secretary of the Religion Instruction Association, Inc., explained that his organization is trying to inform public school educators through speeches and distribution of pertinent material how such programs can be carried out.

Along with other officers of the organization, mostly Fort Wayne businessmen and educators, he regrets the tendency of educators to "shy away" from any use of the Bible since the 1963 Supreme Court decision.

He maintains that the decision banned prayer and Bible-reading conducted in such a way as to make them a religious service—not the study of the Bible and religion as legitimate courses in public school classrooms.

"We are doing our work because of the 'court decision,' Panoch said, "and not in spite of it."

He notes that since the wording of the Supreme Court decision was very clear in allowing the study of the Bible as literature in the schools, the Association devotes most of its efforts to that cause.

New York.—A new concept is incorporated in the Bible House being built at Lincoln Center. Like its three predecessors, it will be the world headquarters of Scripture distribution, reading and translation of the American Bible Society. Unlike the others, however, its site was deliberately chosen at the crossroads for millions of people to "serve as a witness for the Bible to all who pass by."



Rev. Kenneth Miles

Ordained At East Heights

Rev. Kenneth Miles was recently ordained to the preaching of the gospel at East Heights Church, Tupelo.

Miles, a student at Blue Mountain College, has accepted the pastorate of Macedonia Church, Pontotoc County.

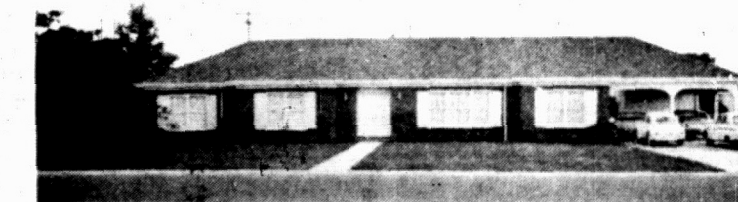
Rev. Harold Wilder is pastor of East Heights Church.



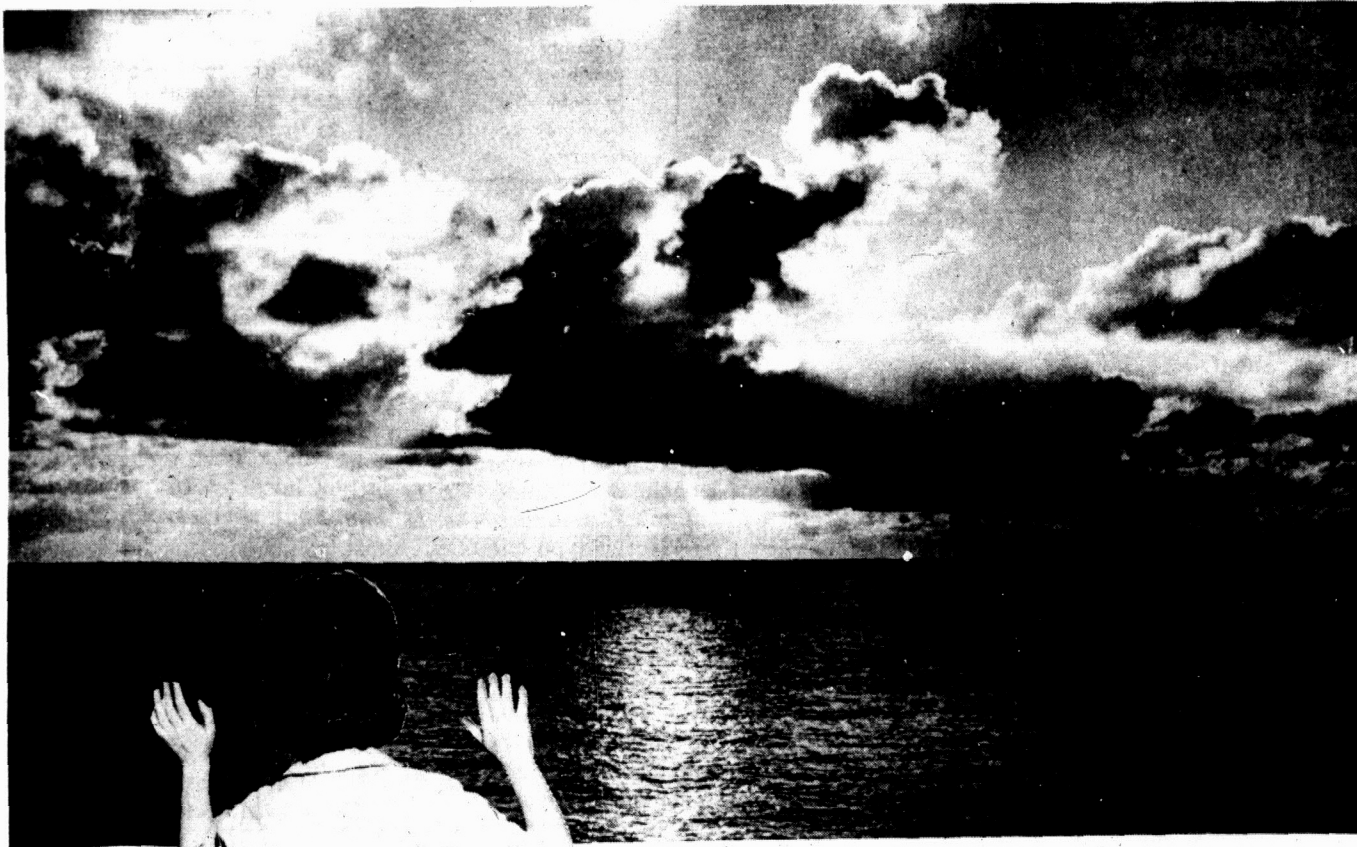
DR. ELVIN E. SMITH, right, was named "Most Outstanding Alumnus of the Year" during William Carey College's annual Homecoming Day activities on December 4. He is shown above with his wife, the former Irma Cowart, also a Carey College alumna, and with Rev. W. A. Fordham of First Church, Petal, retiring president of Carey Alumni Association. (Smith was elected new president of that group.) Dr. Smith, who holds the Ph.D. degree from the University of Mississippi Medical School, is currently serving on the faculty of that institution as teacher of physiology and biophysics.



MOST OF THE associational superintendents of missions attended the annual fellowship and orientation meeting held Dec. 8-10 at Camp Garaywa. Several enjoy moment of fellowship. From left, (seated): Rev. Marvin K. Lee, Jasper; Rev. Ben Goodard, Green-Wayne; Rev. W. P. Young, Jones; Rev. W. C. Blanton, Warren. Standing: Rev. J. D. Lundy, Washington; Dr. Foy Rogers, secretary of Cooperative Missions and Rev. Maurice Flowers, Bolivar.



TOP PHOTO: The new pastorium for Drew Church is occupied by the pastor, Rev. Millard Bennett, and his family. The four-bedroom, two-bath, red brick colonial type home was constructed by H. M. Ward Lumber Co., of Cleveland. Bottom photo: The pastor, standing at right, is being presented the keys to the pastorium by the Chairman of the Planning and Building Committee, F. O. Crosthwait. Other members of the committee, reading left, are C. R. Hughes, Mrs. W. J. DuBard, W. M. Coleman and Mrs. W. M. Maxwell.



DID YOU MISS THE BOAT?

Numerous young ladies of the Mid-South did "miss the boat" when the new class of student nurses was enrolled at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. Those who were unable to squeeze in and any others who are considering nursing careers would do well to apply now for the 1966 freshman class.

People at BMH School of Nursing don't enjoy saying "no" to prospective students, but there is only room for a certain number each year. We're starting early this time to register our 1966 freshmen. We think such a move will eliminate some last minute disappointments.

If you are a high school graduate who is seeking self-satisfaction and financial stability, don't let the 1966 nursing boat leave without you. Complete the attached form now. Happy sailing!

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"God Is Dead"

"We must recognize that the death of God is a historical event: God has died in our time, in our history and in our existence."

These are not the words of a crusading atheist, but are from the writings of a professor of religion at Emory University, a Methodist school in Atlanta, Ga.

According to Time Magazine (October 22, 1965) Dr. Thomas J. J. Altizer, author of the above words, is one of a group of theologians in U. S. Protestant schools and seminaries, now teaching this "radical new brand of Christian thinking." The magazine names Paul van Buren of Temple University, William Hamilton of Colgate-Rochester (American Baptist) and Gabriel Vahanian of Syracuse University as others.

Time states "The death-of-God theologians do not argue merely that Christianity's traditional 'image' of the Creator is obsolete. They say it is no longer possible to think or believe in a transcendent God who acts in human history, and that Christianity will have to survive, if at all, without Him."

Theological Language

It is not always easy to understand what theologians are saying. They use a language all their own, and sometimes move out of the realm of clarity and understanding for the average reader. If, however, Time Magazine has properly interpreted what these men are saying, and further writings and speeches made by some of the men since Time's article appeared indicates it has, then these theologians are taking the position, not that God has actually died, but rather that the idea of God has died. They simply are saying that there is no such being as God, and that men are in error when they believe or teach that there is.

Atheism

This is atheism, pure and simple, the very thing that avowed atheists long have been saying. The difference is that the atheists would never, at the same time, claim to be Christians. These men still hold positions as Christian leaders, and claim to have some kind of "Christian faith." In passing, we cannot but wonder if this "Christian atheism" is not the ultimate fruit of religious liberalism? When men reject the

authority of the Bible, refuse to believe in the deity of Christ, sneer at the miraculous and prophetic in the Bible, and deny the great doctrines of the Christian faith, where else can such beliefs lead them except toward atheism? These are not the first liberal theologians whose teachings seemed to be denying the very existence of God.

We cannot understand how such teachers can claim to be Christian. If they are right in their teaching, Jesus Christ was either a mistaken fool, or a deliberate deceiver. He claimed to be the Son of God, and to be one with God. He said "he that hath seen me hath seen the Father," and told his disciples that He was returning to the Father. In all of this and in many other things which He said, He was talking about God. All of this is meaningless jargon if the "God is dead" theologians are correct.

Furthermore, Christian believers, and even the prophets, teachers and theologians of all the ages were and are wrong if these men are right. Those who have worshipped God through all the ages past, held a vain and meaningless faith, according to these men.

Bible Describes Such

Does not the Bible give an apt description of such teachers? In Romans 1:18-25, after discussing some of the ways in which God has revealed himself to men, the apostle discusses those who reject that revelation, and says "Professing themselves to be wise, they become fools." The Psalmist described such unbelievers in Psalms 14:1: "The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God."

Satan must be rejoicing that he has been able to place such teachers in such high places. "Blind leaders of the blind" are they, and how tragic for the world. The Bible warns, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts will they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." (2 Tim. 4:3-4).

A New Christianity?

These men are reported to be saying that the world must have a new kind of Christianity, one that follows the example of Christ, rather than accepts Him as Lord and Savior. However, a "Christianity" which rejects God, and Jesus Christ as the Son of God, is no Christianity at all, but merely a religious philosophy, without promise or hope for mankind.

What these so-called theologians need is the experience of a new birth, with the work of God in their hearts, through personal repentance for sin, and faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. How different, then, would be their testimony, and their teaching.

It is tragic that such men can sit as teachers in

modern Christian institutions, molding the thinking of young people. God pity the churches whose pastors have been trained under such leaders, or whose people have been influenced by them.

Not Southern Baptist

We are thankful that such theologians could not hold positions in Southern Baptist seminaries. Our institutions are denominationally owned and controlled, and such teachers simply would not be accepted by them, or if a professor already holding a teaching position in one of the institutions came to such a position in his thinking, he would be required to leave. The reason for this is two-fold. First, every teacher who accepts a position in any Southern Baptist seminary is required to sign a statement of faith, declaring his faith in God, and in the cardinal doctrines of Christianity. No man who refuses to sign this is accepted as a faculty member. Furthermore, the administrative officers of our seminaries are carefully chosen and trusted Baptist leaders, and the trustees are leaders from churches all over the Southern Baptist convention territory. They already have made clear that they do not approve of such false teachers, nor allow them to hold teaching positions in our institutions. Southern Baptists believe in, and allow, academic freedom in their institutions, but it is a freedom limited by Christian belief and responsibility.

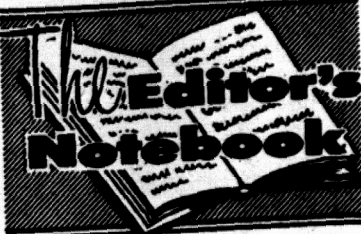
Issue Being Discussed

There is much discussion of this "new theology" all across the nation right now. Theologians and religious leaders are showing the fallacy of the teaching, and denouncing the teachers. While it is true, that some are defending them, most voices being raised are against them. Among those leading the attack on Dr. Altizer of Emory is retired Methodist Bishop Arthur J. Moore. The Chairman of the Board of that institution has expressed surprise that Dr. Altizer ever was employed by the institution, while the Dean of the School of Theology of the school disclaims responsibility, since the professor is not teaching in that division. Nevertheless, he is a professor in the department of religion of the University.

Writers and editors all across the nation are discussing the movement, and it is evident that this "heretical" teaching is not going to be unanswered. Certainly, God needs no defenders, but false teachers must be exposed and denounced.

Christianity Will Survive

These theologians are saying that "Christianity will have to survive, if at all, without God." Christianity will survive this attack, even as it has survived similar attacks before. Its survival, however, will not be without God, but rather without these "new theologians."



PREACHER PAY

Even a casual glance at salaries paid preachers reveals that churches, in setting up their new budgets for the coming year, need to initiate their own war on poverty. There are probably dozens (in Arkansas) who are scarcely being paid enough to keep bodies and souls together. Says Pastor Floyd Pannell, moderator of Claydon Association: "If a church feels their pastor is capable of leading them, then they should pay him a salary enabling him to live on the same level at least as the average church member. If the church feels otherwise, they should not keep him around and 'starve him out' as so often is the case. God is going to hold churches and individuals responsible for the way they treat their pastors."—E. L. McDonald, Editor, The Arkansas Baptist.

Robert Oppenheimer estimates that half of all the knowledge we have today was acquired over a period of ten thousand years. The remaining half has been acquired in the last fifteen—and this acquisition may be doubled in the next four or five years.

DO'S AND DON'T'S

Whether the voice of experience dictated the following hints, or whether they are someone's spare-time thoughts, there is a lot of good advice in these lines: Mind your own business—and have plenty of it. Tackle one job at a time. Learn to delegate a part of your work and your responsibilities. Don't stake too much on success.

Don't be afraid of failure. Don't undervalue what you have. Forget the people you don't like. Keep both your sense of humor and proportion. Forget yesterday. It is gone. Don't dread tomorrow; it isn't here yet.—W. C. Hultgren

Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

December 20—Roy Hood, faculty, Carey College; Mrs. Alpha Humble, faculty, Gilroy School of Nursing.

December 21—James B. McElroy, faculty, Clarke College; D. W. Ainsworth, Hinds associational Brotherhood president.

December 22—Hattie Mae Kuykendall, Baptist Book Store; Everette Reaves, staff, Children's Village.

December 23—Mrs. E. M. Kee, Jr., WMU president, District X; Marian Leavelle, Baptist student director, Ole Miss.

December 24—Mrs. R. M. Crisler, Baptist Building; Clark Hensley, Hinds County superintendent of missions.

December 25—N. F. Davis, Jr., Monroe associational Sunday school superintendent; John R. Blair, Mississippi College faculty.

December 26—Mrs. Wilfred Tyler, faculty, Blue Mountain College; J. D. Lundy, Washington associational superintendent of missions.

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PERSPECTIVE

Robert J. Hastings

Leads For Leaders

(No. 5 in a series of six)...

Here is a fifth principle of leadership: "People may see problems, but leaders must see opportunities."

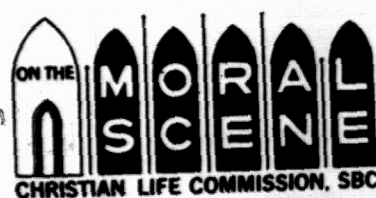
Frankly, it is no mark of intelligence to point out problems. Nearly anyone can come up with a long list of excuses for failure. You hear them in your own church. They complain, "Now if we had this, and if we had that, and if so and so had not happened." The world is filled with problems and difficulties, and anyone with half sight in one eye can see them. "Trouble" people seem to live by this old limerick:

When in trouble,
when in doubt,
Run in circles,
scream and shout.

They wring their hands in despair, dissipate their energies on trivialities, and frustrate not only themselves but all who meet them. We might say they are the "if" people.

But just as there are "if" people in any church, so there are the "how" people, the real leaders. They are the how-to-do-it folks, who use the energy others would waste on worry to solve the problem at hand. When a problem arises, when a challenge presents itself, when a door of opportunity opens, the "how" people face it immediately and seek a solution.

"How" people don't know all the answers. They don't knock a home run every time at bat. They aren't perfect. They aren't super-humanly endowed. But they do see life as an opportunity and a challenge, rather than a problem and a chore.



"During the coming school year, we face the prospect of 750,000 dropouts. We cannot tolerate such loss, such tragic waste of human potential on either an economic or moral basis."—Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey.

Police officials are warning that with the approach of each Christmas season, swindlers multiply. Mail frauds, deceptive advertisements and fly-by-night salesmen increasingly bilk unwary Christmas shoppers.

Priceless Possession



A TALE OF TWO LETTERS

By Ralph A. Herring
Director Seminary Extension
Department

Among my most treasured possessions are two letters from a prisoner.

The first one arrived in 1962. It was stamped "Censored."

The first item of information on it was the inmate's identification: No. 143153.

Addressed to the Seminary Extension Department of the Southern Baptist Convention, it read as follows:

Dear Sirs:

As you can see I am an inmate of ——. I have taken several Bible courses and am very much interested in being a minister when I get out of this place. All my life I have been interested in this study but somewhere along the way I got lost. I have no money with which to pay for a course but will greatly appreciate taking one if it's possible. Please let me know how I go about it.

Sincerely yours,
A. J.

That letter set off a dramatic chain-reaction involving a mother's prayers, a relative who paid for tuition and texts, friends who assisted and encouraged, instructors who graded his papers, office personnel who kept his records and posted his grades, and seminary professors who selected texts and prepared guides for studying them.

It all adds up!

Now, three years later, A. J. has successfully completed 28 courses of study with the Extension Department.

At three hours per lesson, that adds up to 1,512 hours of work!

He is among the 321 who

have been awarded one of our basic certificates. He is also numbered among the 16 who have received one of the most recent Advanced Certificates.

During the 14 years the Department has been in existence nearly fifty thousand students have been enrolled in the various courses we offer. Thousands of letters have come from students. In this tide of correspondence, recently we received another letter from Prisoner No. 143153, our friend A. J. It is one which we cherish very much. It says:

"The certificate is nice and I am very glad to have two, but what they stand for is what is important to me. . . I have learned so much (I needed to and still do). I understand God's Word better. I have learned compassion, tolerance, to love others, to forgive, to understand myself better. To know I am nothing without Christ and everything as long as I do His will. . . I have learned to wait upon the Lord. Thank you, Dr. Ralph and the staff, for all the help you have given me. Thank you, Lord for the Seminary Extension Department and for showing me the way. The letter I wrote you in 1962 was the most important of my life."

Maybe it was!

"When I preach," John Knox wrote, "I am not master of myself, but obey Him who commands me to speak plain and to flatter no flesh upon the face of the earth." No wonder Knox single-handedly altered Scottish character and history.—William P. Barker in AS MATTHEW SAW THE MASTER (Fleming H. Revell Company)

Newest In Books

THE WONDERFUL SAVIOUR by Robert G. Lee (Zondervan, 139 pp., \$2.50)

A series of messages from the pen of one of the world's great preachers. As usual, Dr. Lee digs deep and ranges wide in his selection of material for the messages. They are thoroughly scriptural, richly illustrated from the mines of Dr. Lee's vast store of knowledge, and clear in their applications. Poetry, prose, quotation and other devices are used to make the messages effective and powerful. Some of the illustrations from Dr. Lee's own ministry are worth the price of the book. It is always a delight to read messages from the heart of this great preacher. None of us can preach like he does, but all of us can enjoy the riches of his God-blessed, God-powered ministry. This book is a worthy addition to those by Dr. Lee already on our shelves.

KEEPING THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS by Handel H. Brown (Eerdmans, 167 pp., \$3.50)

In this stimulating book, the author points out that when one lays aside commercial interests, and restores the miraculous element, only then is he "keeping the spirit of Christmas." Further, he reminds the reader, the center of Christmas is a personal experience with the Christ.

THE TASTE OF NEW WINE by Keith Miller, with foreword by D. Elton Trueblood (Word Books, 116 pp., \$2.50)

This excellent new book is as pungent as its title. It is critical of the church, and of church members, but this criticism is helpful criticism. It furnishes guideposts to a new kind of honesty and integrity. It is a book about the new life in Christ, a book about witnessing, a book about the joy of living a vital Christian life. It deserves a four-star recommendation.

TODAY AND TOMORROW by Charles A. Behnke (Concordia, 120 pp., \$2.95)

A book of devotions for people who are "growing with the years." The author "addresses all people advancing in age with the need for a positive view of a calling for senior citizenship." He maintains that for too many church people, advancing age is a waste, and that the older citizens in a church should be used for service in a creative way.

EARNESTLY CONTENTING FOR THE FAITH by John R. Rice (Sword, 361 pp., \$3.50)

Reprints of articles which have appeared in the author's publication, *The Sword of The Lord*, over the past several years, dealing with controversial religious issues. Here are articles on the Inspiration of the Bible, modernism, ecumenism, religious controversy, evangelistic methods, etc. Special chapters deal with the death of President Kennedy, the death penalty, etc.

AGE OF FAITH by Anne Fremantle and Editors of Time-Life Books. Volume 3 in the "Great Ages of Man" series. (Time-Life Books, Time, Inc., New York, 192 pp., illustrated with 78 pp. in full color, \$3.95)

The thousand medieval years—covering a period from the fall of Rome in the Fifth Century to the fall of Constantinople in the 15th—have been described as the Middle Ages. The author speaks of these years as the Age of Faith, because, she says, "medieval Europe was spiritually a commonwealth. . . called Christendom, under the suzerainty of the Pope of Rome." But this book is not solely about the subject of faith. It was the author's purpose herein to examine many aspects of the institutions and epic figures which created "a new Europe." In production of the book, she brought in facts about the material legacy of the Middle Ages—Gothic cathedrals, rich tapestries, gorgeous mosaics. Also she included discussions of trial by jury, assemblies of elected representatives, middle-class society, universities, banks, and the capitalist system, which all have their roots in the Middle Ages. This is an attractive book, and is worthwhile because of its historical significance. Previous volumes in the series were CLASSICAL GREECE and IMPERIAL ROME.

HITCHHIKING ON PURPOSE by George Watmough (Loizeaux, paperback, 64 pp., \$1.00)

Mr. Watmough "hitchhikes on purpose" to witness to people with whom he rides. He has been doing this since 1933 and has made at least 54 trips across the country. This book tells about some of his experiences through the years and is filled with hints for witnessing to those of various faiths.

WITNESSING MADE EASY by C. S. Lovett (Personal Christianity, Baldwin Park, California, paperback, 95 pp., \$1.00)

One of The Easy Series, this booklet gives very practical help to the soul-winner, particularly to one who is timid and uncertain in his efforts.

THE ROMANCE OF BIBLE SCRIPTS AND SCHOLARS by John H. P. Reumann (Prentice-Hall, 248 pp., \$5.95)

A theologian tells the fascinating story of how the Bible has been translated into more than 1200 different languages and dialects from ancient Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek manuscripts. The book contains many little-known human interest stories of distinguished Bible translators. Dr. Reumann is professor of New Testament and Greek at Philadelphia Seminary.

SPIRITUAL DEPRESSION: ITS CAUSES AND CURE by D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones (Wm. B. Eerdmans, 300 pp., \$3.95)

The author, pastor of Westminster Chapel, London, England, thinks that one of the greatest needs of the hour is a revived and joyful church. He says that spiritual depression is a poor recommendation for a faith that was inspired by the event of Easter. He believes that the exuberant joy of the early Christians was an important factor in the spread of Christianity.

DESCENT OF THE DOVE by Charles Williams (Eerdmans, 245 pp., paper, \$1.95)

Paperback reprint of a "Short History of the Holy Spirit in the Church", first published in 1939. The author says that his intention was to write a brief history of Christianity.

THE HAMMER OF GOD by James H. Hunter (Zondervan, 159 pp., \$2.95)

A novel about the struggle for religious freedom in 17th century Scotland.

THE ZAMBESI DOCTORS (Edinburgh University Press and Aldine Publishing Company, 187 pp., \$4.75)

David Livingstone's letters to John Kirk, written between 1858 and 1872. The correspondence tells of the difficulties encountered in exploration of the Zambesi in Africa: transport, untrustworthy native labor, slave raiding, ill health, etc.

New Sacred Records

Are you buying new records for Christmas, for your friends or for your self. Here are some of the recent releases from some of the largest producers of sacred records. They are grouped according to type of music. Look them over. You might find some which you wish to hear at your music dealers. All of these are available at, or can be ordered by The Baptist Book Store.

NEW CHRISTMAS RECORDS

MUSIC IS THE SOUND OF CHRISTMAS (Sword S - 1416-LP)

Sword has assembled varied types of Christmas music featuring the most beloved Christmas songs. Here are organ numbers, choirs, glee clubs, soloists, percussion bells, organ-piano duet, and other musical groups, presenting such Christmas songs as Hark The Herald Angels, We Three Kings, Silent Night, Joy To The World, O Holy Night, and others. This is a beautiful record, living up to its title. It is the "sound of Christmas".

CHRISTMAS SPLENDOR—Thurlo Spurr and the Spurlows (Word W-3310-LP)

The principals of a major corporation wanted to send an unusual Christmas gift to their entire dealer organization. They chose the songs, and the Spurlows sang them so effectively, that Word decided to issue the recordings as a regular Word album.

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR—World Vision Korean Orphan Choir (Word W-3361-LP)

The Korean Orphan Choir has sung its way into the hearts of millions of people around the world. Already well known for other albums, the choir, on this record, presents Christmas hymns. Most of those included are not the better known Christmas hymns, but they present the message of Christmas in a glorious way. Among them are We Wish You A Merry Christmas, Birthday of the King, O Holy Child, We Welcome Thee and others.

BETTY STALNECKER

Betty Stalnecker, and her team, thrilled thousands of persons in her recent appearance at the Mississippi Baptist Convention. Those who heard her learned why she is one of the most widely used gospel singers and greatest witnesses for Christ through song in America today. Here are two of her latest albums.

BETTE SINGS AT BIBLETOWN (Bibletown Records, MMPL 6210)

Bibletown is a Christian assembly at Boca Raton, Fla., where Bette has appeared many times. Here are ten of her finest messages in song.

BETTE STALNECKER Accompanied by the Jordanaires (Heart Warming Records, LPHF 1749)

Bette is joined by a widely known quartet in this record. It includes some old time songs, some of the newer ones, and some spirituals. Solos and Small Vocal Groups

INSTRUMENTAL

PIPE ORGAN MELODIES WITH BIRD CALLS Vol. III—Lorin Whitney and Ralph Platt (Zondervan ZLP-669)

An outstanding organist and a man with unusual whistling ability join their talents in a third album. One side is made up of religious numbers, while the other includes old time popular numbers.

THE THREE KEY-BOARDS OF DIXIE DEAN (Zondervan ZLP-668)

A musician who plays the accordion, the piano and the corovox, uses his talents on some stirring old gospel tunes.

THE REMARKABLE TROMBONE OF BILL PEARCE (Word - W - 3312-LP)

Like the trombone? Then you will like this album, which includes stately old hymns, gospel numbers and a spiritual or two.

FROM LONDON—SWEEPING STRINGS—Kurt Kaiser (Word W-3361-LP)

A well known director presents the blend of violins, violas, cellos, basses, harp and guitar in a selection of glorious Christian hymns.

VOCAL

GEROGE BEVERLY SHEA SINGS SOUTHLAND FAVORITES (RCA Victor Mono-Stereo-3440)

The world's favorite soloist sings some of the favorite gospel solos of Southern people.

I'VE MADE MY CHOICE—Graham Burns (Zondervan ZLP-655)

An Australian born bass-baritone who has sung on several continents, sings challenging gospel messages.

THUNDERTONES OF PRAISE—Ronnie Avalone (Sword S-1411-LP)

A dramatic tenor of whom it has been said that he was born to sing presents selections which point men to God.

WHERE HE LEADS ME—Solomon King (RCA Victor Mono-Stereo-3430)

The golden voice of one of the favorite gospel singers in many areas of the nation.

THE SOUND OF SINGING—Ed Lyman and others (Zondervan ZLP 676)

A widely known gospel soloist, a marimba soloist (Jack Conner); a well known folk singing duet (The Barry Sisters) and a brass ensemble led by Ray Robinson, join to present "the sound of singing."

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN—Bill Man (Word W-3321-LP)

A well known Southern tenor is joined by the Concert Orchestra of Stockholm in favorite solos, old and new.

FRANK BOGGS IN ENGLAND (Word W-3317-LP)

A beloved and widely used Southern Baptist soloist is joined by the Concert Orchestra of London in some of the majestic hymns.

JAMES CARAWAY SINGS HYMNS TO LIVE BY—(Zondervan ZLP 684)

The singing engineer from Shreveport, La., who stirred the 1964 Mississippi Baptist Convention again and again with his outstanding solos, includes some of his favorites (and those of his audiences) in this album.

AN EVENING CONCERT WITH TONY FONTAINE (RCA Victor LPM-LSP 3383)

A soloist was saved after a tragic wreck which almost took his life, who has traveled the world, and knows personally some of the world's greatest evangelical leaders is presented in an actual concert where he gives his testimony and sings some of the greatest gospel songs.



HOW MANY CHURCH STUDY COURSE BOOKS in a stack equal a 5-foot-10 author? Dr. James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer of the Sunday School Board says it's 1.8 books to the inch. He's holding down 129 copies of "John's Witness to Jesus," the book he wrote for adults and young people to use during January Bible Study Week 1966. By the first of December, 405,000 books had been sent to Baptist Book Stores for sale. The printing was 427,000 copies—the largest number of any Convention Press book suggested for January Bible Study Week. Sales of "John's Witness to Jesus" are expected to exceed the record set by the book used in the 1965 emphasis.—Photo by Robert L. Jackson.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARD

Clarke-Venable Church, Decatur, is having a Church Christmas Card this year, in the front vestibule of the sanctuary.

"The purpose of the card is to offer an opportunity to express love and gratitude to friends and yet at the same time express love to the peoples of the world through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering," says Pastor Howard Taylor.

Each family who wishes to participate signs the church card and gives the money they would have spent on cards and postage to Lottie Moon.

WHERE DID CHRISTMAS GO?

Now is a good time to take stock of this Christmas season and to decide what it will mean to us. Last year our three-year-old daughter was greatly disappointed when the second night after Christmas our neighbor failed to turn the lights on the lovely tree she had decorated in her front yard. I explained that Mrs. Anderson would not light her tree anymore because Christmas was over. Little Jenan demanded, "Well, where did it go?" After a little thought she soon decided herself that Christmas "will come back." But what about the spirit of Christmas that we are now experiencing and helping to create. Will people soon wonder where it has gone. The employee who enjoys a day or two of special friendliness and courtesy from his superior? The poverty-stricken children who have an oversupply of food on one day of the year? The jobless and disabled with whom neighbors are so eager to share their blessings for a short while? The Son of God, who died that we might have the gift of eternal life every day of the year? Will these understand when this Christmas has gone why we make them wait so long for its return? —Betty Ellison Jones



Old Men's Home Needs A New Hospital

At this Christmas season, an appeal for help for eighty old men is being made. The appeal comes from the Old Men's Home of Mississippi.

Pictured above are patients in the hospital of the Old Men's Home located 12 miles from Jackson at Madison, existing to provide healthful surroundings for the white senior male citizens of the state. It is supported almost entirely by voluntary contributions. The operating expenses of the Home average \$150 per month per man.

The residents of the Home have a room in the recreation building used as a chapel. This bare room provides them with some of their spiritual needs when the local ministers, in rotation, go out on Wednesday of each week,

and other civic and church groups visit the Home. They also have Sunday school each week.

In the immediate future, certain building repairs and improvements are necessary, estimated at a cost of \$12,500. High on the list of important needs is the hospital, where there are now 25 men who are permanent bed patients requiring constant care.

Cecil Travis, Chairman of the Board, declares, "The Board has never lost sight of the purpose for which the Home was founded, the most pressing need at the present time is a new hospital with adequate facilities. Plans for it are in the making and will be executed as time and finances permit."

"It will be the pleasure of the Fund-raising Committee

to come before any interested group, or send information to anyone concerning the Home," said Ben H. Lewis, state Fund-raising Committee chairman. He continued, "Here you will find our hearts in our work. From the chairman of the board to the orderlies in the hospital, we give our best. We must raise a minimum of \$45,000 during our Christmas drive."

"During the holiday season, when most families are enjoying the good things of life, remember our elderly citizens, most of whom have no other place on earth to spend their remaining days, with a prayer and a generous donation."

"We can think of no better way to share the joys of Christmas than by a love offering to the Home."

First Male Practical Nurse

To Graduate At Baptist Hospital

Johnnie W. Phillips is the first male student in the Mississippi Baptist Hospital School of Practical Nursing. Mr. Phillips will graduate in January, 1966, and following

successful completion of the State Board Examination, will be licensed as a practical nurse.

Enrolling in the School of Practical Nursing wasn't an entirely new experience for Mr. Phillips, for prior to this he had served as a Medical Corpsman with the United States Navy and Coast Guard for 22 years. While in the service, he served with Medical Officer status on ships without physicians. For his work in handling emergency cases at sea, he has received several commendations from the Coast Guard.

After retiring from the service, Mr. Phillips returned home to Braxton, Miss., with his wife and children. Finding that non-professional work in

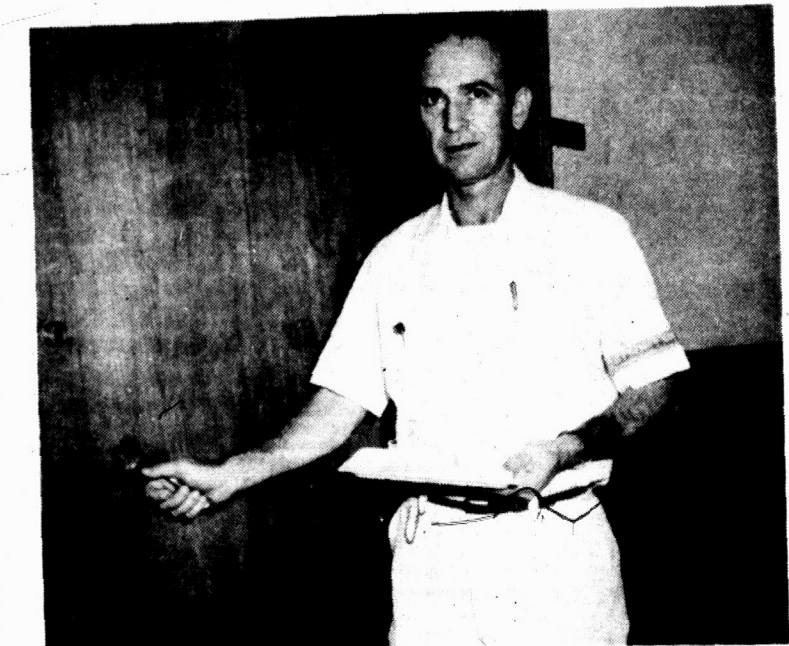
Dates Announced For Annual SS State VBS Clinic

The annual state-wide Sunday School Vacation Bible School Clinic for associational teams will be held January 31—February 2, 1966 at Camp Garaywa, Clinton.

This training and orientation clinic for associational team members will begin Monday afternoon and adjourn on Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.

Each association will be asked to send a team leader, Nursery, Beginner, Primary, Junior and Intermediate team members for this three day training, preparatory to their association Vacation Bible School Clinic at a later date.

The 1966 faculty will be composed of Dr. Charles Treadway (Nashville), team leaders; Mrs. Seibert (Mary Jane) Haley (Tulsa), Junior. Mrs. Haley is the author of the 1966 Junior textbook. Mrs. Maynard Hadley (Oklahoma City), Primary; Mrs. Bill Souther (New Orleans), Beginner and Mrs. J. E. Morrow, Jr. (Vicksburg), Nursery. Music will be under the direction of Dan Hall, Secretary, Church Music Department, Mississippi.



SHOWN HERE as he is about to enter a patient's room is Johnnie W. Phillips, a student in the Mississippi Baptist Hospital School of Practical Nursing.



HANDEL'S "MESSIAH" will be televised Christmas Eve at 11:30 p.m. EST on the American Broadcasting Company. The program is produced in cooperation with the Radio-Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. This is one of many Christmas programs produced and distributed by the Commission. The sanctuary and chapel choirs of First Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, will present the dramatized treatment of the oratorio. Lee Roy Till, minister of music at the Dallas church will conduct the "Messiah."

BAYLOR THEATER ANNOUNCES PLAYWRITING COMPETITION

Baylor Theater announces a competition in playwriting to stimulate the writing of plays which reflect Christian values. The winners of the contest will be selected by an evaluation committee. Awards, totaling \$500.00 will be apportioned among the top three entrants, according to the relative merit of dramaturgy.

Entries are not limited in length, but must be original and unpublished. Manuscripts are to be submitted, in typewritten form, double spaced, on 8 1/2 by 11 inch paper. Each entrant is to send three copies of his play, not to be returned. Baylor Theater assumes publication and performance rights of the winning plays.

All manuscripts should be sent to the competition chairman, J. Larry Roof, instructor of drama, Baylor Theater, Baylor University, Waco, Texas 76703. Deadline for all material is September 1, 1966.

'Singing Churchmen' On Radio Program

The Singing Churchmen of the Radio-Television Commission will appear on NBC's "Great Choirs of America," December 12, 19, 26, 1965 and January 2, 1966.

The choir members are ministers of music in Oklahoma Southern Baptist churches.

State Man Accepts New BSSB Position

NASHVILLE —Sunday School Board employees Charles W. Clark, Earl Lee Murphy and Ras B. Robinson Jr. have accepted new positions in different areas of the Board's work.

Clark, a consultant in the church administration department since January 1964, on Dec. 16 will become manager of the Baptist Book Store in Jacksonville, Fla.

A native Mississippian, Clark served as pastor of several churches there. He was employed for three years in the Jackson Baptist Book Store and was to the Board in 1961 as a sales promotion specialist in the retail advertising and sales promotion department.

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POCAHONTAS TO PRESENT 'BORN A KING'

The adult choir of the Pocahontas Church will present a Christmas cantata, "Born a King" by John W. Peterson, on Sunday, December 19, at 3:30 p. m.

The choir is under the direction of Paul Clark, Minister of Music. Soloists are Rev. Wilbur Irwin, pastor; Miss Judy Blake, Miss Patricia Morgan, Edward L. Blake and Paul Clark. Accompanists are Mrs. Edward L. Blake, organist, and Mrs. Thomas M. Whitfield, pianist. The public is invited to attend.

'Faith In Action' To Feature Mission Projects

FAITH IN ACTION, a 15-minute weekly network radio program, will feature—in December and January—three special mission projects of the Southern Baptist Convention.

"Operation Amigos de Honduras," the story of how young people become missionaries through a preventative health program, will be aired December 12 and December 19.

Highlights of activities of the "Broadway Baptist Center" in Fort Worth, Texas, will be broadcast December 26, and the "Weekday Ministry" of Capitol Avenue Baptist Church and Virginia Avenue Baptist Church of Atlanta, Georgia, will be on the air January 2, 1966.

Oregon Student Leader Killed In Car Accident

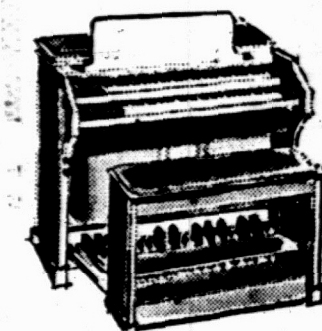
PORTLAND, Ore. (BP) — Jim Stuart, graduate student in veterinary medicine at Washington State University and Baptist Student Union leader, was killed in an automobile accident in eastern Washington November 23.

David Moseley, a passenger in the car, received minor injuries. He is the son of Fred B. Moseley, assistant to the executive secretary of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Stuart recently completed a term as vice-president of the state council of Baptist Student Union. His father is pastor of Mill Park Baptist Church here.

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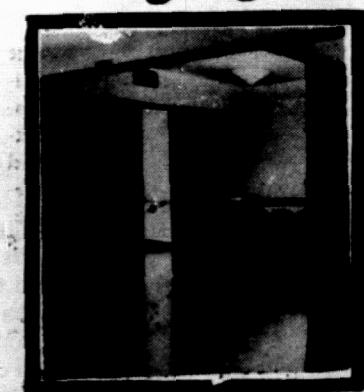
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UNDER THE DIRECTION of Donald Winters, the William Carey Chorale's busy fall itinerary has included appearances before the Mississippi Baptist Convention; Hattiesburg High School; M-Night at Temple Church, Hattiesburg; Petal High School; and the Holiday Magic Show on WDM. On Dec. 16 they plan to tape a one-half hour TV show, on Meridian's station WTOK to be shown during the holiday season. Left to right, above: Linda Waldon, freshman from Mobile; Drew LeBlanc, junior from Bogalusa; and Martha Cox, freshman from Mobile.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Dan C. Hall, Secretary
Miss Martha Gene Shutt, Office Secretary

Churches Responding To Chicago Music Witnessing Crusade

The following churches have already indicated that they desire to send their minister of music to participate in the Greater Chicago Music Witnessing Crusade, April 18-29, 1966.

CHURCH	CITY	PASTOR	MUSIC DIRECTOR
First Church	Amory	Del A. Morton	Herbert Valentine
First Church	Amory	J. B. Daley	Bennett Britt
First Church	Amory	Tom Dunlap	Major McDaniel
First Church	New Albany	William F. Evans	Boys L. Blackmon
First Church	Pascagoula	Clark McMurtry	Loyd Pelham
First Church	Pascagoula	Carless Evans	Paul Padgett
First Church	Tupelo	Samuel G. Shepherd	John Williams
First Church	Yazoo City	James Teats	Bill Cannady
Gore Springs Church	Gore Springs	H. S. Rogers	Bob Koonce
Highland Church	Meridian	Raymond A. Parker	Tanner Riley
North Lake Church	North Lake	Robert C. Cannon	C. O. Russell
Poplar Springs Drive Church	Meridian	Harold E. O'Chester	Russell Bishop

Additional churches are expected to respond in the near future.



Woman's Missionary Union

President—MRS. W. E. HANNAH, Clinton
Executive Secretary—MISS EDWINA ROBINSON
MS Director—MISS MARJEAN PATTERSON
Sunbeam Director—MISS WAUDINE STOREY
GA Director—MISS RUTH LITTLE
YWA Director—MISS VIRGINIA JOHNSON

WHITE CROSS

Twenty-four barrels of new supplies have been packed and are on the "high seas" going to the new Baptist Clinic in Yemen.

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3 Cases Soap Powder
\$315 worth of bandages, gauze, etc. from Surgical Supply House.

The letter from Dr. Young was written when he received a list of the contents of the barrel.

I know the Mississippi WMU does things in a big way, but I was somewhat overwhelmed at the response. All of us here say thank you very much. As soon as the barrels arrive we will let you know.

Regarding the money you have left over, I would like to apply it toward the price of a sterilizer for our new hospital which we plan to build in Jibla. We are anxiously waiting to hear from Dr. Hughey to know if we will be able to start on it in 1966 with Lottie Moon funds. I have asked only for funds for the building itself, and none for equipment up till now. The sterilizer will be one of the most essential items and a fairly expensive one, so for this reason I would like to use what you have remaining toward it. I recall how a gift like this from you for Gaza gave us our first anesthesia machine there.

You will know best how to let the ladies all over Mississippi know of our gratitude for what they have done. We are grateful from the depths of our hearts.

Sincerely,
James M. Young, M.D.

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION DEPARTMENT

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Miss Betty Lewis



ASSOCIATES
G. G. Pierce
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Bill Latham

Training Union Improvement Week

It is anticipated that new manuals will be available in September 1966 for Juniors, Intermediates, Young People, Adults, and General Officers. In order to take advantage of the appearance of these manuals which will present both the new concept of Training Union work and the new methodology, we are encouraging associational directors and local Training Union directors to plan even now to join in the promotion of TRAINING UNION IMPROVEMENT WEEK IN OCTOBER 1966.

1. Set a date in October for a Central Training School, Group Schools, or a church study course in Training Union Methods.
2. Select your faculty well in advance and send them to one of the following places on Saturday, October 1, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. On this date at these places there will be a full faculty to conduct a Teaching Clinic for those who will be teaching in the associational or church training courses. These teaching clinics will be planned to interpret the new manuals and to provide suggestions for methods and aids in teaching the manuals.
3. Another part of this promotion is an orientation conference for those who will be leading the teaching clinics. This will be conducted on Thursday, September 29, in Jackson.

Tupelo
Cleveland
Philadelphia
Jackson
Hattiesburg

First Baptist Church
First Baptist Church
First Baptist Church
First Baptist Church
Temple Baptist Church

Sunday Reports

Sunday School Attendance Additions To The Church Training Union Attendance

DECEMBER 12, 1965	
Aberdeen, 1st	374 126 1
Amory, 1st	454 162
Belzoni, 1st	303 105 2
Booneville, 1st	369 137
Main	319 108
Crestwood	49 29
Brandon, 1st	399 182
Bruce, 1st	372 136
Calhoun City, 1st	328 132
Canton	313 130
Center Terrace	101 54
Carnation	
Cleveland	
Morrison Chapel	111 88
Clinton, Morrison Hgts	397 222
Columbia, 1st	566 227
Concord (Noxubee)	57 34
Crystal Springs, 1st	303 167
Greenville, Southside	200 111
Greenwood, North	407 112 2
Greenville, 1st	817 200 2
Gulfport, 1st	811 259 1
Handshorse	378 104 4
Hattiesburg	
University	126 94
38th Avenue	266 188
First	566 258 3
Central	167
Main Street	766 372 1
Main	746 358
North Main	20 14
Houston	
Parkway Chapel	79 51
1st	338 252 1
Jackson	
Ridgecrest	791 354 2
Alta Woods	995 339
Calvary	1384 535 3
Mission	559 40
Briarwood Drive	323 142
Parkway	928 428 7
Woodland Hills	683 188
McLaurin Heights	289 162
Lakeview Mission	15
Crestwood	320 154
Woodland Hills	683 188
Raymond Road	100 78
Woodville Heights	475 111 2
Robinson Street	312 156 2
Midway	199 150 5
Highland	361 201
First	1294 333 1
West Jackson	558 220
Colonial Heights	280 110 1
Broadmoor	1379 563 4
Daniel	576 218 8
Hilcrest	529 220 2
Oak Forest	502 209
Southside	331 184
Kosciusko	
First	482 173
Main	461 152
Maple St.	21 21
Kosciusko, Parkway	198 69
Laurel	
Second Avenue	317 142
Mission	231
West Laurel	297 160
Bethlehem	160 101
12th	129 92 2
Highland	375 163 7
Magnolia St.	329 206 2
Lexington, 1st	202 87 2
Macomb, 1st	193 138
McComb, Navilla	151 89 2
McComb, South	
Meridian	115 91
Collinsville	98 83
Calvary	384 179 4
Main	330 139 4
Fewell Survey Msn	28 40
Pine Springs Msn	34 24
Fulton Avenue Msn	336 137
State Boulevard	141 75
Eighth Avenue	459 171 3
Poplar Springs Drive	428 141
Fifteenth Avenue	328 141
Oakland Heights	206 97
Morton, 1st	
Mountain Creek	81 43
Pascagoula, 1st	635 240
Main	
C. C. Nursing Home	37
Martin Bluff	
Pearl	387 162 1
Pearson	178 97 2
Petal-Harvey	259 86 2
Poplar Flat (Winston)	139 79
Quitman, 1st	291 129
Rosedale, 1st	157 53
Ruth	54 24
Sardis	57 35
Sharon, 1st (Jones)	103 67 1
Starkville, 1st	922 484 2
Tupelo	
East Heights	419 158
Calvary	574 245 3
West Jackson St.	245 127
Vicksburg	
Immanuel	153 50
Bowman Avenue	424 189 1
DECEMBER 5, 1965	
Amory, 1st	455 136
Bruce, 1st	390 138
Columbia, Friendship	116 76 2
Crystal Springs, 1st	568 159
Greenville, Southside	206 128 2
Greenville, 1st	159 73
Hattiesburg, Southside	89 57 2
Hattiesburg, Central	322 161
Hattiesburg, Main St.	911 337
Main	890 324
North Main	21 33
Hattiesburg, 38th Ave.	305 172 5
Kosciusko, Parkway	327 122
Laurel, Bethlehem	199 116 2
Laurel, Trinity	162 89
Laurel, Wildwood	360 128
Laurel, Plainway	197 128
Lyon	222 63
Ponton, 1st	188 88
Pontotoc, West Hel'hts	234 97
Quitman, First	380 146
Ripley, 1st	296 130
Sharon, First (Jones)	163 80
Tupelo, East Heights	401 144 2
Tupelo, Harrisburg	729 191 2
West Point, 1st	576 207 1

Thursday, December 16, 1965

THE BAPTIST RECORD 7

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON—

Jeremiah: Weeping Prophet

By Clifton J. Allen

Jeremiah 1:11; 30:33; 37:39

Jeremiah ranks with Isaiah as one of the greatest of the Hebrew prophets. He is sometimes called the weeping prophet, or the prophet of gloom and despair. He was a prophet in Jerusalem during the last terrible years of the nation's life. His ministry, beginning during the reign of Josiah, extended after the destruction of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar and until he was taken a captive to Egypt some years after the downfall of Judah. He thus witnessed the disintegration, chaos, suffering, and destruction of his people. He did indeed proclaim a message of doom for the rebellious nation, but he preached also a message of redemption. He sank to the depths of despair, but he rose to the heights of hope. He wept for the plight of his people, and he rebuked them severely for their perversity. Through an almost lifelong martyrdom, Jeremiah was God's faithful spokesman.

The Lesson Explained HOPE FOR THE FUTURE (31:15-17)

Jeremiah's message to the people of Judah, though warning that there was no escape from judgment through the power of Babylon, was designed to encourage hope for the future. God had not abandoned his people. He loved them with an everlasting love. He lamented their waywardness and base infidelity. But he promised to turn their captivity and bring his people again to the land of their fathers. The prophet described the sorrow of people as though Rachel, rising from her grave, wept with uncontrollable grief for her children taken away into captivity. The prophet declared God's consolation. Jerusalem destroyed by the army of Nebuchadnezzar and the people taken captive to Babylon were not the final chapter: God would write another one—"Thy children shall come again to their own border."

PROMISE OF THE MESSIAH (33:14-16)

Repeatedly, Jeremiah declared that God would do "great and mighty things," restoring his people to Jerusalem, making a desolate place to be inhabited, causing the voice of gladness to be heard instead of the voice of anguish, and extending pardon for the iniquities of the people. These promises were to be fulfilled, to a degree, in the return of the exiles from Babylon. But the fuller content of these promises pointed toward the coming of the Messiah. God promised that "the Branch of righteousness" would grow up unto David. The messianic kingdom would be established. Jesus, of David's line, would be the fulfillment of God's purposes through his chosen people to provide salvation for the world. The Messiah would "execute judgment and righteousness"; he would save Judah and Jerusalem; Jerusalem would be called, "the Lord our righteousness."

COVENANT IN THE HEART (31:31-34)

Jeremiah was indeed the prophet of the new covenant. The history of Israel was a sad record of a broken covenant. The covenant of law was not enough. Jeremiah declares that the time would come when God would establish a new covenant which would be inward and spiritual. The law or will of God would be written not upon stone but upon the very heart itself. This covenant was mediated and confirmed by Jesus Christ and his saving work. It is made effective in human experience by the regeneration of the

Holy Spirit. God's law in the heart means that his truth is a part of the mind and conscience. There is a new nature through the indwelling presence of the Spirit of Christ. The final voice as to moral and spiritual duty is from within, not without.

The new covenant emphasizes the personal relationship between God and those who believe in him. He is their God in the relationship of trust and love and obedience. They are his through his redemption and through their commitment to him. There is no need for any human mediator. The climax of the new covenant is the blessing of forgiveness. It is a covenant of grace. Unworthy and guilty as the sinner may be, God forgives freely.

Truths to Live By

Christ's coming means hope.—We have hope of personal salvation—through our faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour. We have hope of life after death—because Christ is the conqueror of death and we have eternal life in him. We have hope in the midst of tragedy and tribulation—because Christ has overcome the world and abides in us through his Spirit. We have hope in an age of confusion, dire peril, and possible nuclear destruction—because Christ must reign until all enemies are put under his feet. We have hope of peace and righteousness in the earth—because Christ has come and he will come again! Surely we have occasion to celebrate Christmas with joy and hope.

Religion is personal—The essence of salvation is personal union with Christ by faith. True religion, therefore, is something inward and spiritual. It means the presence and power of God in one's life. It means personal forgiveness and moral cleansing at the center of one's being. It means a new heart in which Christ is enthroned as Lord. And because of this, the Christian is involved with other persons in personal relationships which are meant to be the expression of the love of Christ.

Fidelity to God is our duty.—Are we not challenged by Jeremiah's example? Should we not be more daring in declaring the truth of the gospel, without compromise, regardless of consequences to ourselves? Should we not be

more sacrificial in serving Christ through our churches in a ministry to persons needing help, and in trying to do the work of Christ in the world—regardless of the hardships involved or the criticism encountered? Should we not strive with greater determination, earnestly seeking to lay hold of the energy of the Holy Spirit, to live in honesty and purity and unselfishness, whatever the custom or temptation confronting us? If the celebration of the Christmas season means anything to us in terms of honoring Christ, it ought to mean a new commitment to him in obedience and devotion.

A quarter of a century of price inflation in the United States has cut the value of the dollar by more than half. However, the typical factory worker is able to buy nearly three times as much as he could just before World War II. In other words, wages have risen almost six times as fast as prices in the years since 1939.



PAUL CLARK has accepted the call to Pocahontas Church as Minister of Music, effective December 8. He moved to this church from Goodwater Church, Magee, where he was the first person to serve in such capacity. He maintained three choirs and was responsible for a highly successful "Youth Led Spiritual Emphasis Week". He has also served as Minister of Music at Second Avenue Church, Laurel, and general Church, Brookhaven. Mr. Clark's home is in Magee, he is a senior at Mississippi College.

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CITY STATE



THE 90-VOICE CHORUS of Clarke College, Newton, under the direction of J. B. McElroy, (insert) of the college music faculty, presented the Christmas section of Handel's Messiah at First Church, Newton, December 10 at 8 p.m. and in the 7:30 p.m. service of the Second Avenue Church, Laurel, December 12. Mr. McElroy conducted the College Concert Choir, a smaller unit, in singing the Hallelujah Chorus from the Messiah at the Baptist State Convention in November. This is the first time the entire Christmas section of the oratorio has been presented by the Clarke Chorus.



ASTRONAUT MARKS BIBLE PROGRAM—NEW YORK—A symbolic first poster marking the 1965 Worldwide Bible Reading program of the American Bible Society is accepted by Astronaut Gordon Cooper (right) from his pastor, the Rev. Conrad C. Winborn of Seabrook (Tex.) Methodist church. Commenting on the theme of the observance, "Faith for a New Age," Col. Cooper declared that as new knowledge of the universe is gained "we have more and more evidence of the Supreme Architect. . . ." Over 20 million persons are expected to take part in the Worldwide Bible Reading program this year, each reading the same, pre-selected passages daily between Thanksgiving and Christmas. (RNS photo)



Rev. Ronnie Mercer

Is Ordained

On December 5, Rev. Ronnie Mercer was ordained to the gospel ministry by the Souenlovie Church. Rev. Dwayne Morgan delivered the ordination sermon.

Rev. Leon Chatham, pastor at Souenlovie, presented to the ordination candidate a Bible from the church.

Mr. Mercer is pastor of Pleasant Grove East, in Clarke County.

Korea Hospital 10 Years Old

The 10th anniversary of Wallace Memorial Baptist Hospital, Pusan, Korea, was observed November 15 with a worship service and reception attended by 200 persons.

Three missionaries and five other employees who have worked at the hospital for the entire 10 years were presented gifts. The missionaries are Dr. Robert M. Wright (of San Antonio, Tex.), chief of staff, Miss Ruby Wheat (of Wichita Falls, Tex.), director of nurses, and Miss Irene Brannum (of Leslie, Ark., a nurse), director of house-keeping.

The vice-mayor of Pusan brought words of appreciation from the city, and the congratulations of the Foreign Mission Board were expressed by Dr. Franklin T. Fowler, Board medical consultant.

Southern Baptist medical mission work in Pusan began during the Korean war, when Dr. N. A. Bryan (now retired) opened a clinic in a tent.

Korean Missionary Kids Give \$95.00

NASHVILLE (BP)—The children of Southern Baptist foreign missionaries to Korea have given \$95 to support Baptist foreign missions around the world through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions.

Ted H. Dowell, Baptist missionary to Korea, sent the check to the Southern Baptist Executive Committee here.

SBC Executive Committee Executive Secretary Porter Routh asked Dowell to convey to the youngsters "heartfelt appreciation for this contribution which will play a part in sharing the message of Christmas even unto the ends of the earth."

Clapp Elected College President

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex. (BP)—Joseph C. Clapp, vice-president for development at the University of Corpus Christi, has been promoted to the Baptist school's presidency.

Clapp, former director of public relations at William Jewell College (Baptist) in Liberty, Mo., had been vice-president of the Texas Baptist school for the past 18 months.

He succeeds W. A. Miller, who resigned as president in July to become superintendent of schools in Crane, Tex.

"Missions Revival" In Raymond

Dr. Bob Simmons, pastor of Fifteenth Avenue Church, Meridian, was guest speaker for a "Missions Revival" at the Raymond Church December 6-10. Dr. Simmons spoke on a missionary theme each evening of the week.

The entire love-offering was included in the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. The church treasurer, Roger Van Davenport, reported that the offering total stood at \$1,837 at the close of the week. The church's goal is \$2,250, and the offering will be received through the month of December.

The music for the week was under the direction of James Morris, minister of music. Dr. Jerry Breazeale is pastor.

Names In The News

Major C. McDaniel, Jr. and **Miss June Evelyn Vineyard** were married on Saturday, December 4, in First Church, Natchez where Mr. McDaniel is minister of music. The new Mrs. McDaniel is principal at Washington School in Adams County. Rev. Thomas W. Dunlap, pastor, officiated.

Rev. and Mrs. George A. Canzoneri, missionaries on leave from North Brazil, are now living in Montgomery, Ala., where they may be addressed at 124 Kent St. (ZIP code: 36109). Son of a Baptist minister, he was born in Jackson, Miss., but spent most of his boyhood in near-by Clinton; she, the former Elizabeth Ray, was born in Oxford, Miss., and lived in Hamilton and West Point, Miss., and New Orleans, La., while growing up. At the time of their missionary appointment in 1959 he was pastor of Buckatunna (Miss.) Baptist Church.

Rev. Step Martin, pastor, First Church, Satsuma, Alabama, was special speaker when the Ministerial Association of William Carey College presented a special Christmas program at 6:30 on Monday night, December 13, in Tatum Court. The newly organized Crusader Band under the direction of Dr. Benjamin Dunford presented the music.

Hattiesburg attorney Bruce Aultman has been named as President of the William Carey College Board of Trustees for the current year, according to President J. Ralph Noonkester. Aultman is an active member of Hattiesburg's First Baptist Church. Vice-president of the Board is **Dr. Joe Tuten**, pastor of Calvary Church, Jackson. Treasurer is **Dr. Earl Green**, physician from Hattiesburg, and secretary is **J. D. Sims**, Business Manager of the college.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip M. Anderson, missionaries to the Philippines, announce the arrival of their fourth son, **Stephen Brandon**, on November 22. (The boys have one sister, Rachel.) The Andersons' mailing address is 8512 Mercedes, Makati, Rizal, Philippines. Mr. Anderson formerly served for several years as minister of music at Leland, Miss.

Dr. Chester Swor of Jackson, widely known counselor, teacher, author, and speaker to youth groups, will lead the annual "Spiritual Life Week," at Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Florida, March 1-3, 1966. **Jerry Merri-man** will direct the music.

Evangelist Hyman Appleman reports a glorious city-wide evangelistic campaign victory in Orillia, Ontario, Canada. The meeting was sponsored by the Christian Business Men's Committee and a number of churches. The pastor of the First Baptist Church said, "We have seen things in this week that have not happened in Orillia for almost a generation."

Rev. Bob Leavell on December 5 marked his second anniversary as pastor of First Church, Grenada.

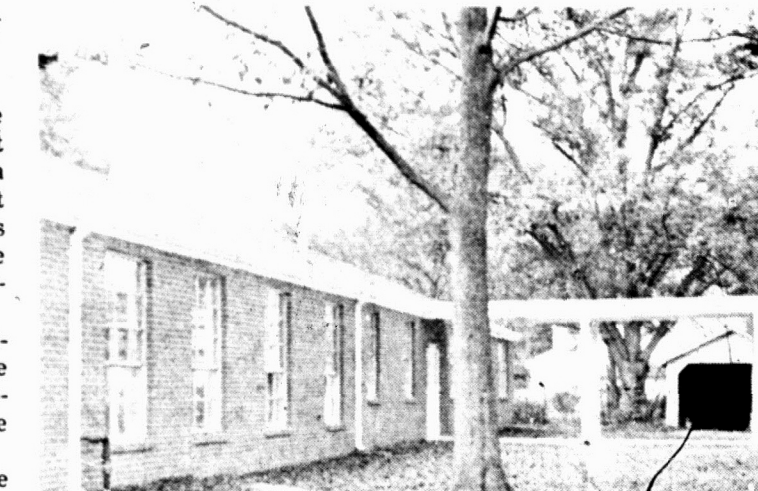
LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Dr. Fred D. Howard, head of the department of religion at Wayland College, Plainview, Texas, will serve as visiting professor of New Testament at Southern Seminary here during spring semester. He will teach classes in New Testament Greek.

Dr. Howard earned the Doctor of Theology degree in 1958 from New Orleans Seminary. At Mississippi College he earned the B. A. with distinction in English, Bible and languages.

BETHLEHEM DEACON DIES

A deacon in Bethlehem Church, Simpson County, James T. Keen, died Saturday December 4.

The funeral was held at Bethlehem Church, Monday afternoon, December 6. Funeral services were in charge of Rev. James T. Berch, a former pastor, assisted by Rev. W. M. Averett, of Jackson. Mr. Keen was the father of James W. Keen, superintendent of the Sunday School at Elrain Church, Jackson, where Mr. Averett is pastor.



SHAW CHURCH held Open House Sunday afternoon, December 12, for inspection of their new educational building (top photo). The building, with 5300 square feet of floor space, contains two Nursery departments; Beginner; Primary; Junior department with four classrooms; Intermediate and Young People's department; large Adult assembly with six classrooms; large kitchen; office; and pastor's study. Architects were Lee and Brumfield of Jackson; contractor was Wherry Construction Company of Shaw. Bottom photo, left to right: Cecil Kelly Jr., chairman of trustees; Frank Gaither, chairman of Building Committee; Clifford Perry, Sunday school superintendent; C. A. Washington, chairman of deacons; and Rev. J. I. Jacobs, pastor.



GRAHAM RAPS EXTREMIST OPPOSITION TO U. S. POLICY

ATLANTA (RNS)—Evangelist Billy Graham, returned from his Greater Houston Crusade, told newsmen here that extremists in demonstrations against the Vietnam war may well be prolonging the very thing they seek to halt.

"Americans have a perfect right to peaceful demonstration, but this right also carries responsibilities," he said. The extremists among the demonstrators, he said, include those who burn their draft cards or themselves and those who carry Vietcong flags.

Mr. Graham said that "many of the demonstrators are blaming the situation on the present Administration, but that is not logical. At this time when we have men dying in Vietnam, we must pledge our loyalty to America."

DEVOTIONAL—

Things Which Endure

By Nat Mayhall, Pastor, Port Gibson

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord". Luke 2:11

Much of that which makes up our Christmas observance soon passes away. The decorations will come down and be stored in their place to await another Christmas season. Lonely-looking Christmas trees will be cast by the roadside to be hauled away. Even the toys so joyfully received will soon be broken.

A camera company has as its slogan to be placed on cameras given as gifts "Open me first for a lasting Christmas". This may be a good idea, for many of the things we prize most are here but for a moment.

However, Christmas is made up of things which endure for all times. One of these is the love of God. As the angels sang out the announcement to the shepherds, they were declaring the extent of God's love. Words could not describe the plan which preceded this moment nor can we adequately appraise the years through which this plan had been guided toward the "fulness of time". As little children repeat the simple verse "God loved us and sent His Son", they proclaim a truth which shall ever endure.

Another part of Christmas which shall endure is hope. Christ came to save sinners. He brought hope to the hearts of men. The angels said, "Unto you, is born this day in the city of David a Saviour". Joseph had already heard that this child should be named Jesus for "He will save his people from their sins". Our loving God had reached down to rescue fallen mankind. The writer of Hebrews says "God. . . hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son".

A third enduring truth is in the word "peace". Any man who receives Christ in faith also receives the "peace which passeth understanding". Let us ever emphasize those things which endure as we sing

"Joy to the world,
The Lord is come;
Let earth receive her king."



YOUNG WOMEN'S AUXILIARY officers for New Orleans Seminary surround the seminary seal with its missionary motto. From lower left, clockwise, are Ruby Jones, Anguilla, Miss., president; Jeanette Hill, Birmingham, Ala., Circle Chairman; Mrs. Roland Q. Leavell, Y.V.A. sponsor; Dale Anderson, Williamson, S. C., publications chairman; Bethany Tenhet, Moorhead, Miss., community missions chairman; Barbara Vandergriff, Atlanta, Ga., circle chairman; and Aline Fuselier, Oakdale, La., publicity chairman.

Churches In The News

Gore Springs Church, Grenada County, had 101 in Sunday school on December 5, after setting a goal of 100. There were six 100 per cent classes. During the worship hour, two joined by letter and two rededicated their lives. The Primary and Junior Choirs of the church presented Christmas Cantata, "What Gift Have I," on December 12 and the Adult Choir will present "Born A King" on December 19, under direction of Bob Koonce, music director. Martha Gillon and Barbara Gillon are accompanists. Rev. Billy McDaniel of Pleasant Grove is narrator. Rev. H. S. Rogers is pastor.

Elaine Church, Jackson, met a bond payment on Dec. 1, and for the first time had a surplus to apply on the next bond payment which comes due June 1, 1966. The surplus was \$733.95. Rev. W. M. Averett is pastor.

Oklahoma Baptist Board Approves Building Plans

OKLAHOMA CITY (BP)—The board of directors of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma Baptist Children's to proceed with plans for new construction projects at the Oklahoma Baptist Children's Home here and at two state Baptist encampments.

Projects approved include construction of a new \$75,000 cottage at the children's home a dining hall at Camp Hudgens for Royal Ambassador boys near McAlester, Okla., and a sewer system at Falls Creek Baptist Assembly near Davis, Okla.

An undesignated bequest of about \$90,000 will be used to construct the new children's home cottage. The home is now operating at near maximum capacity with 120 residents.

Plans call for the \$100,000 "gravity flow" to be completed by August, 1966.



DEACONS FROM EIGHT STATES—Deacons and pastor at Calvary Baptist Church, Emerald, North Dakota, represent eight states. Top row, left to right: George Sowell, Mississippi; Burdette Bacon, Oklahoma; Rev. Bobby J. Bundick, Texas, pastor; John Jones, South Carolina; Harry Stow, Iowa. Bottom row, left to right: Al Doughman, Alabama; Jack Riddle, North Carolina; Ray Lane, North Carolina; Joe Johnson, Kentucky; John Martin, Jr., Kentucky.

MISSISSIPPI MAN SERVES AS DEACON IN NORTH DAKOTA

Calvary Baptist Church of Emerald, N.D., has elected George Sowell to serve with the deacons. He and his wife, Kathryn, are natives of Mississippi. They claim Kosciusko as home.

The Sowells are an Air Force career family. George graduated from college in Mississippi and entered the U. S. Air Force. He has served as a navigator and is now a Launch Control Officer for the New Minute Man II missile.

George is serving as Sunday school superintendent along with his deacon responsibilities. Kathryn is Superintendent of the Young People's Department in Sunday School and is YWA director also; along with this she sings in the choir.

Calvary, the church they serve in, is an all-military church serving one of the fastest growing areas in the U. S. The church is the nearest structure to the outside of the main gate of the Grand Forks Air Force Base. The next evangelical witness is sixteen miles away. At the present time, there are in excess of 12,000 people in the area and by spring there are to be over 16,000.

At the present time, all of the building facilities are being used twice each Sunday morning. Two Sunday schools and two worship services have been the order for over a year.

The growth of Calvary has been at a rapid pace. Since September the first, forty-five people have united by letter and twenty-two have been baptized.

Rev. Bobby Bundick is pastor.



RIDGE CHURCH CALLS PASTOR

Rev. George Jones has recently been called as pastor of Ridge Church in Scott County. He is a native of Indianola, and is currently attending Clark College. For the past two years he has been doing evangelistic work. Mr. Jones and his wife, Bettye, have three sons, Phil, Mike, 10, and Tommy, 5.

Deacon Dies In Plane Crash After Preaching

NEW HARMONY, Utah (BP)—A Baptist deacon from Phoenix, Ariz., flying a single engine plane home after speaking at the First Baptist Mission of Milford, Utah, was killed when the aircraft crashed into a hillside.

Dead is Melvin J. Owens, a member of University Baptist Church in Phoenix, and a member of a group called "Wings for Christ" which flies across the Western states to speak in churches and do evangelistic work.

Owens' body was found in a kneeling position near the wreckage of the plane. A Bible, with his name engraved in gold letters, was on the ground between him and the wreckage.

REVIVAL RESULTS

Friendship, Columbus: November 28 - December 3; Rev. Arzone Burns, pastor, Cash Church, Lena, evangelist; Ed Nolen, song leader; three professions of faith; two for baptism; Rev. Elvis Gregory, pastor.

Is Licensed

Moorhead Church licensed Ken Watkins to the gospel ministry on November 14. Rev. Granville Watson, pastor, made the presentation. The son of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Watkins of Clarksdale, Mr. Watkins is a sophomore at Mississippi Delta Junior College, where he is BSU president. He plans to study at a senior college next year.